

## ALS notes (from Denise Davis)

NCES Academic Library Survey  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 17-18, 2002  
New Orleans, LA

- I. Introductions and Preliminaries
  - a. Review minutes
  - b. Review plan for work
    - i. Briefly discussed modifying forms (ACRL/ARL/ALS) in context of work plan. Suggested that ALS could release preliminary data to the NCES LSP website for ACRL to use. Jeff Williams commented that there may be a problem with releasing rapidly or turning over a file. This requires permission from NCES executives.
- II. Status report on 2000 data collection
  - a. Census update (Garner)
    - i. December 20, 2001 data to NCES for Peer tool; sent file for imputing missing data
    - ii. 85% response rate, just over the NCES minimum requirements
    - iii. Example of major editing problem – inconsistent reporting between categories (staff accurately reported, but not salaries). This could be improved with finer edit checks.
  - b. Response rate report (Census; handout)
    - i. Response rate by sector
    - ii. ALA response rate by item
    - iii. Census felt web-based reporting was better. Help desk support was difficult and Census will move that operation to the Jeffersonville, IN location for the FY 2002 ALS.
  - c. NCES Update
    - i. Peer tool data should be available the end of January, 2002
    - ii. ED Tab release date TBD
- III. Highlights
  - a. ACRL highlights (Thompson)
    - i. 2000 data report available in print (3 volumes), electronic version has been available since fall 2001
    - ii. 53-54% response rate
    - iii. trend section is on distance education
    - iv. FY2001 data collection process begins the end of January 2002; collect data in February/March 2002; August 2002 release of data file on the ACRL website
    - v. Response rate issues discussed; annual improvement is a good sign
  - b. ARL highlights (Kyrillidou)
    - i. Not adding questions this year (2002)
    - ii. Continue experimentation with supplement form and Emetrics
    - iii. Several decisions will be made at/after the ARL Emetrics meeting at 2002 Midwinter meeting
    - iv. Phase III of the Emetrics project is a training manual
    - v. White paper on Outcomes Measurement to be posted to the ARL website
    - vi. LibQual project is expanding – 170 libraries participating, health science focus

- vii. National Science Foundation grant was received by ARL to develop a framework for assessing digital libraries from a user perspective (LibQual). Science libraries will be the focus
  - c. Oberlin Group update (Leland Park)
    - i. Due to the September 2001 incident Oberlin did not hold a fall meeting. As a result, the questionnaire remains unchanged from 2001.
  - d. NISO update (Denise Davis)
    - i. Library Statistics Standard, Z39.7, is in its 5-year review. Members of the committee were noted, general overview of work and plan for release of a draft standard for comment in June 2002.
- IV. Changes for ALS 2002 (handouts #1-9)
- a. In her assessment of the three instruments, Mary Jo Lynch emphasized simplicity and what is the data needed to answer policy and other related questions (how are the data used).

Part A	College library unit ID	Keep
Part B	Library Staff	
	02, 03	Keep
	06 (contributed service staff)	Drop
	05 (all other pd staff)	Keep
	Combine Part B FTE and Salary Wages (Part C 09,10,11)	
	Reviewed handout from Census	
Part C	Expenditures 09,10,11	Keep
	12	No decision recorded
	Carry wage subtotal into Part C	
	Renumber Part C	
	Other expenditures on information will include copyright fees & services, online computer expenses	
	Combine 20 (furniture) with "other operating"	
Part D	Library Collection move A/V (30) before serials (29)	Revision
Part E	31,32,34,35	Keep
	37	Keep
	38 – separate circulation from reserves. Language "reserve transactions of all types"	Revision
Part F	43 – revised definition with text	Revision

	from ARL – reference. Keep count “per typical week”	
	Norman- consider changing gate and reference counts to annual; keep hours open at per typical week	Suggestion for 2004
Part G-1	Electronic Services	
	44,45,46,47,49,51,53,54,55,56	Drop
	48 – change language “documents digitized by library”	Revision
	50 – change language - “or the web”	Revision
	52 – disability question	Keep
	New – add “electronic thesis and dissertations (ETD) produced by your students and faculty” – ARL definition	NEW
	Request – begin looking at information competency issues in Section G-1	
	Recommendation to drop section G-1. NCES will prepare an analysis and based on that will rebuild section to be more relevant.	
Part G-2	Analysis requested for entire section	Request
	Drop 57-60	Drop
	Consortial services, 61-65	Keep
	New- financing electronic services; use ARL language from ARL Supplemental survey	NEW

Meeting adjourned at noon, 1-18-02